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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Well, the Christmas party was just what the Committee wanted it to be. Fun and homey. We had almost 150 members and their guests to enjoy it. The RonRico rum people put on a really excellent bar, thanks to Ross Milnaugh and George Heath so we tasted the new coconut drink, cocongá, and then martinis, old fashioned and manhattans with rum.

The Lotos Club, through the cooperation of Mr. Needham, Manager, helped a lot. Victor, the chef, served delicious chicken à la king with the trimmings, pie and coffee at the buffet. Tom Scott, with his guitar, and his American folk songs, made a great hit and gave encore after encore.

Then Santa Claus (Magician Ray Cox) started to give out the presents. Marjorie Young and Hester Hensell, through their personal contacts, got and wrapped more than 350 presents. Every gal had a lipstick when she arrived and all the men were given a cigar, but that was just the beginning of a good party.

Our thanks to the following members for their gifts- Whit Burnett, Margot Guehring, Mary Knight, Hortense MacDonald, Dora Miller, Eric Palmer, Bill Reed and Amy Vanderbilt. And to these firms- Seagram's, Renault Champagne, Richard Hudnut, The Hat Institute, Coty, Marinello Products, Longmans' Green, Jergens' Lotion, The Cigar Institute, Mary Chess, Schrafft's, W. T. Grant, The Coca Cola Co (Charley Srezz Gee), Lynn Sumner, Duane Jones, White Rose (Billy Seeman), The Stork Club (Sherman Billingsley), John Fredericks, and Herbert Schwamb.

The next luncheon will be January 9th. On January 23, there will be a meeting of the membership.

Through Eric Palmer, we have been able to get some cigars to send to the Tokyo Press Club, for Christmas.

Joe Israels, II, in Mid Europe for INS, sends Christmas greetings from Coblenz. While Mary Knight sent us her own Christmas edition of a newspaper and Fred Ferguson gave us "Born Thirty Years Too Soon", by J. R. Williams.

Joshua B. Powers, Inc. recently announced that it has been designated exclusive foreign representative of Svenska Dagbladet, Stockholm, Stockholms Tidningen and Hemmetts Journal. Nice going, Josh.

Irene Kuhn writes of the Shanghai That Was in the China Edition of Stars and Stripes, just received in the office.

Norris Harkness, Executive Secretary of the National Photographic Dealers Association and Camera Editor of the New York Sun, has been judging photographic prints of amateur clubs.

Ivan H. Peterman is still overseas. Sydney Moseley writes from London that it pays the cautious observer in Europe now to concentrate on the byways and not to rush.

Gretta Palmer is back from her jaunt in the Far East - about six months or more.

John Gunther and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Thomas attended the Christmas party and so did Ralph Frantz, who is back from three years in the Mediterranean with the OWI. It was great to see Pearl Metzelthinn and Rene Kuhn, Irene's daughter. Isaac Don Levine came up from Washington to be with us. Jess Krueger, new member, from the Hearst Newspapers, liked the party.

Manny Komroff is fit as a fiddle again and says "Hello" to all.

Clark Lee of INS is back from the Pacific. He is accompanied by his wife, who is a Hawaiian princess.

Ray Danniell and his wife, Tania Long, both of the New York Times are covering the Nurnberg trials. Tania writes that the press accommodations at Sabor Castle are primitive, to say the least and that German women are bitter, hostile and fearful of the future.

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H. V. Kaltenborn, who started his career as a reporter on the Merrill-Wisconsin News, has presented a gift of \$2,000 to the Scott Public Library there for the creation of a book fund.

CORRECTION * Donn Sutton has moved to Cleveland but not as "Head of NEA" there. He is still editor of NEA but merely transferred his base of operation to the main production plant in that city. Boyd Lewis has a new and different job as Executive Editor.

Sonia Tomara has lent detail and facts of a woman war correspondent's job to Emma Bugbee for her Peggy Series. This fifth is called "Peggy Goes Overseas".

Gene Lyons will write two articles for NEA to note Dec. 21st Stalin's birthday, 66th. Gene was U. P. Manager in Moscow.

At the Board of Governors meeting last night, held at the home of Gretta Palmer, it was voted to put into the Bulletin the fact that Mike Nowinski was very unhappy over the Christ mas party because he could find nothing to criticize.

A vote of thanks to the Committee for the Party was passed and special commiseration paid to Marjorie Young and Hester Rehsell, who were so busy doing things, that they did not get a present.

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It was also decided at the Board Meeting that prospective members shall be announced in the Bulletin from time to time so that if anyone has any information regarding them, they can convey it to the office and the Admissions Committee.

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The Admissions Committee announces the following new members:
John Daly of Columbia Broadcasting Company
Jess Krueger of the Hearst Publications.
Colonel Egbert White of the Stars and Stripes Executive staff.
Floyd Taylor of the New York Herald Tribune- associate.
Omar Garrison, United Press, Managing Editor, Western Coast.
Fred W. Parker, formerly of the INS in Washington.
Don Pryor of Columbia Broadvasting Company, now in Europe.
Paul C. White, Editor of the San Francisco Chronicle.

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At a meetxixxing of the Free Press Committee on December 12th, Bill Chaplin presided. Sonia Tomara, Tom Morgan and Bruno Shaw attended. A draft of a resolution was drawn up and on December 19th, this draft was passed by the Board of Govrnors with some modifications. You will be hearing more about this.

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Cesar Searchinger, Gretta Palmer and Bill Downs have been appointed by the Board of Governors to check the lists of accredited correspondents to the Army and Navy, which we have just received. Believe it or not, the Army List has about 1200 names and the Navy list about eight hundred.

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Pat Lochridge of the Womans Home Companion did a special broadcast last week for Arthur Godfrey over CBS. It seems Pat was first correspondent in Washington, then went to the Pacific and saw the famous flag raising at Iwo Jima, then went to Europe and was Lt. Governor of a town for a whole week. She has just married Lt. Com. Harry Vogh.

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We are still looking for new quarters. Any ideas, folks?

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Acccdding to Bill Downs of CBS, who is just back from the Pacific, the Tokyo Press Club needs everything from linen to food. So please phone the office if you have anything you would like to send. Home offices don't seem to care so it is up to the fraternity.